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Summary statement by the Secretary-General on matters of which the Security Council is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration

1. Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General wishes to submit the list of items of which the Security Council is currently seized. The last full summary statement (S/2007/10) was issued on 9 February 2007. The last weekly addendum (S/2007/10/Add.51) covered developments up to 29 December 2007.

2. The following list sets out the items of which the Security Council is currently seized. Pursuant to the note by the President of the Security Council dated 19 December 2007 (S/2007/749), the list indicates the date on which each item was first taken up by the Council at a formal meeting, and the date of the most recent formal Council meeting held on that item.

1. The Palestine question[1] (9 December 1947; 25 November 1966).
2. The India-Pakistan question[1] (6 January 1948; 5 November 1965).
3. The Hyderabad question[1] (16 September 1948; 24 May 1949).
4. Letter dated 20 February 1958 from the representative of the Sudan addressed to the Secretary-General[1] (21 February 1958; 21 February 1958).
5. Letter dated 11 July 1960 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba addressed to the President of the Security Council[1] (18 July 1960; 5 January 1961).
6. Letter dated 31 December 1960 from the Minister for External Affairs of Cuba addressed to the President of the Security Council[1] (4 January 1961; 5 January 1961).
7. The situation in the Middle East (18 July 1960; 14 December 2007).
8. The situation in the India/Pakistan subcontinent[1] (4 December 1971; 27 December 1971).
9. Letter dated 3 December 1971 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Iraq, the Libyan Arab Republic and the People's Democratic

[1] Subject to deletion in 2007 and retained pursuant to a request made by a Member State.

Republic of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council[1] (9 December 1971; 9 December 1971).

10. Complaint by Cuba[1] (17 September 1973; 18 September 1973).

11. Arrangements for the proposed Peace Conference on the Middle East[1] (15 December 1973; 15 December 1973).

12. The situation in Cyprus (16 July 1974; 14 December 2007).

13. The situation concerning Western Sahara (20 October 1975; 31 October 2007).

14. The situation in Timor-Leste (15 December 1975; 10 September 2007).

15. The Middle East problem, including the Palestinian question[1] (12 January 1976; 11 October 1985).

16. The situation in the occupied Arab territories[1] (4 May 1976; 13 July 1998).

17. The question of the exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable rights[1] (9 June 1976; 30 April 1980).

18. The situation between Iran and Iraq[1] (26 September 1980; 31 January 1991).

19. Letter dated 1 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council[1] (2 October 1985; 4 October 1985).

20. Letter dated 4 February 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council[1] (4 February 1986; 6 February 1986).

21. Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council;

Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council;

Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council;

Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Oman to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council[1] (15 April 1986; 24 April 1986).

22. Letter dated 19 April 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council[1] (21 April 1988; 25 April 1988).

23. Letter dated 2 February 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council[1] (9 February 1990; 9 February 1990).

24. The situation between Iraq and Kuwait (2 August 1990; 11 April 2005).

25. The situation in Liberia (22 January 1991; 19 December 2007).

26. The situation in Somalia (17 March 1992; 19 December 2007).

27. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (9 September 1992; 21 November 2007).

28. The situation in Georgia (8 October 1992; 15 October 2007).

29. The situation in Angola (29 January 1993; 17 December 2002).

30. The situation concerning Rwanda (12 March 1993; 28 March 2007)

31. The question concerning Haiti (16 June 1993; 15 October 2007).

32. Complaint by Ukraine regarding the decree of the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation concerning Sevastopol[1] (20 July 1993; 20 July 1993).

33. The situation in Croatia (2 September 1993; 12 December 2002).

34. The situation in Burundi (25 October 1993; 19 December 2007).

35. The situation in Afghanistan (24 January 1994; 15 October 2007).

36. The situation in Sierra Leone (27 November 1995; 21 December 2007).

37. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (8 May 1996; 28 November 2007).

38. The situation in the Great Lakes region (1 November 1996; 21 November 2007).

39. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo (29 May 1997; 21 December 2007).

40. The situation in the Central African Republic (6 August 1997; 22 November 2006).

41. Letter dated 31 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (22 April 1998; 6 July 2005).

42. The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia (26 June 1998; 13 November 2007).

43. Children and armed conflict (29 June 1998; 28 November 2006).

44. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994 (15 July 1998; 13 October 2006).

45. The situation in Guinea-Bissau (6 November 1998; 19 October 2007).

46. Protection of civilians in armed conflict (12 February 1999; 20 November 2007).

47. Small arms (24 September 1999; 29 June 2007).

48. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999) (5 November 1999; 19 December 2007).

49. Protection of United Nations personnel, associated personnel and humanitarian personnel in conflict zones (9 February 2000; 26 August 2003).

50. General issues relating to sanctions (17 April 2000; 21 December 2006).

51. The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security: HIV/AIDS and international peacekeeping operations (17 July 2000; 18 July 2005).

52. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question (3 October 2000; 21 December 2007).

53. Women and peace and security (24 October 2000; 23 October 2007).

54. Briefing by the President of the International Court of Justice (31 October 2000; 2 November 2007).

55. Briefing by the Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (21 January 2001; 28 September 2007).

56. Wrap-up discussion on the work of the Security Council for the current month (31 August 2001; 30 March 2005).

57. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B[2] (10 September 2001; 24 July 2007).

58. Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts (12 September 2001; 27 December 2007).

59. Briefing by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (10 November 2000; 24 January 2006).

60. Food aid in the context of conflict settlement: Afghanistan and other crisis areas (4 April 2002; 4 April 2002).

61. Strengthening cooperation between the United Nations system and the Central African region in the maintenance of peace and security (22 October 2002; 31 October 2002).

62. Africa's food crisis as a threat to peace and security (3 December 2002; 30 June 2005).

63. Letter dated 29 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Chad to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (9 December 2002; 9 December 2002).

[2] As from 1 January 2008, all items for meetings of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to specific missions pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B, were subsumed under the present item.

64. The situation in Côte d'Ivoire (20 December 2002; 29 October 2007).

65. Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (28 January 2003; 28 January 2003).

66. Proliferation of small arms and light weapons and mercenary activities: threats to peace and security in West Africa (18 March 2003; 18 March 2003).

67. The role of the Security Council in the pacific settlement of disputes (13 May 2003; 13 May 2003).

68. Response to the humanitarian situation in Iraq (22 May 2003; 22 May 2003).

69. Security Council mission (18 June 2003; 13 December 2007).

70. Justice and the rule of law: the United Nations role (24 September 2003; 6 October 2004).

71. Letter dated 5 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/939);

    Letter dated 5 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/943) (5 October 2003; 5 October 2003).

72. Letter dated 2 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/934) (10 October 2003; 10 October 2003).

73. The importance of mine action for peacekeeping operations (13 November 2003; 19 November 2003).

74. Central African region (24 November 2003; 24 November 2003).

75. Briefings by Chairmen of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council[3] (18 December 2002; 17 December 2007).

76. Post-conflict national reconciliation: role of the United Nations (26 January 2004; 26 January 2004).

77. Cross-border issues in West Africa (25 March 2004; 25 February 2005).

78. The role of business in conflict prevention, peacekeeping and post-conflict peacebuilding (15 April 2004; 15 April 2004).

79. Decision of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to abandon its weapons of mass destruction programmes (22 April 2004; 22 April 2004).

80. Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (22 April 2004; 23 February 2007).

[3] As from the 5332nd meeting, held on 19 December 2005, earlier formulations of this item were subsumed under the present item.

81. United Nations peacekeeping operations[4] (17 May 2004; 23 February 2006).

82. Letter dated 25 May 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2004/425) (25 May 2004; 25 May 2004).

83. Complex crises and United Nations response (28 May 2004; 28 May 2004).

84. Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan (11 June 2004; 5 December 2007).

85. Role of civil society in post-conflict peacebuilding (22 June 2004; 22 June 2004).

86. Civilian aspects of conflict management and peacebuilding (22 September 2004; 22 September 2004).

87. Institutional relationship with the African Union (19 November 2004; 19 November 2004).

88. Post-conflict peacebuilding (26 May 2005; 17 October 2007).

89. The situation concerning Iraq (31 May 2005; 18 December 2007).

90. The maintenance of international peace and security: the role of the Security Council in humanitarian crises — challenges, lessons learned and the way ahead (12 July 2005; 12 July 2005).

91. Letters dated 26 July 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2005/485 and S/2005/489) (27 July 2005; 27 July 2005).

92. Threats to international peace and security (14 September 2005; 8 January 2007).

93. The role of civil society in conflict prevention and the pacific settlement of disputes (20 September 2005; 20 September 2005).

94. Non-proliferation (29 March 2006; 18 December 2007).

95. The situation in Chad and the Sudan (25 April 2006; 16 January 2007).

96. Briefing by the Chairman of the African Union (31 May 2006; 31 May 2006).

97. Strengthening international law: rule of law and maintenance of international peace and security (22 June 2006; 22 June 2006).

98. Letter dated 4 July 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/481) (15 July 2006; 6 October 2006).

99. Peace consolidation in West Africa (9 August 2006; 9 August 2006).

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[4] As from the 4970th meeting, held on 17 May 2004, the items entitled "Security Council Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations" and "United Nations peacekeeping" were subsumed under the present item.

100. The situation in Myanmar (15 September 2006; 13 November 2007).

101. Non-proliferation/Democratic People's Republic of Korea (14 October 2006; 11 January 2007).

102. Letter dated 22 November 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/920) (1 December 2006; 23 January 2007).

103. Maintenance of international peace and security: role of the Security Council in supporting security sector reform (20 February 2007; 20 February 2007).

104. Letter dated 5 April 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2007/186) (17 April 2007; 17 April 2007).

105. Maintenance of international peace and security (25 June 2007; 28 August 2007).

106. The situation in Chad, the Central African Republic and the subregion (27 August 2007; 25 September 2007).

107. Peace and security in Africa[5] (25 September 2007; 25 September 2007).

108. The role of regional and subregional organizations in the maintenance of international peace and security[6] (6 November 2007; 6 November 2007).

109. Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator[7] (6 December 2007; 6 December 2007).

3. As the present summary statement is the first to be issued in January 2008, it identifies, pursuant to the procedure set out in the note by the President of the Security Council dated 19 July 2006 (S/2006/507),[8] items which, as at 1 January 2008, are subject to deletion for having not been considered by the Council at a formal meeting during the preceding five-year period of 2003-2007. These are, of the above list, items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 29, 32, 33, 60, 61 and 63.

4. If a State Member of the United Nations notifies the Secretary-General by 29 February 2008 that it wishes an item subject to deletion to remain on the list, that

[5] As from the 5749th meeting, held on 25 September 2007, the item entitled "The situation in Africa" was subsumed under the present item.

[6] As of the 5776th meeting, held on 6 November 2007, the items entitled "The Security Council and regional organizations: facing the new challenges to international peace and security", "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations in stabilization processes", "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations in maintaining international peace and security" and "Relationship between the United Nations and regional organizations, in particular the African Union, in the maintenance of international peace and security" were subsumed under the present item.

[7] As from the 5792nd meeting, held on 6 December 2007, the item entitled "Humanitarian situation in the Great Lakes region and the Horn of Africa" was subsumed under the present item.

[8] The procedure was initially set out in the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 August 1996 (S/1996/704).

item shall be retained on the list of matters of which the Security Council is seized for one year.[9] All items subject to deletion for which no request to retain has been received by 29 February 2008 shall be deleted.

5. During the year 2007, the following item was taken up by the Security Council at a single meeting, at which the Security Council also concluded its consideration of that item:

Consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly (5769th meeting, 25 October 2007).

6. During years prior to 2007, the following items were taken up by the Security Council at one or two meetings, at which the Security Council also concluded its consideration of the items:

High-level meeting of the Security Council on the anniversary of 11 September 2001: acts of international terrorism (4607th meeting, 11 September 2002).

High-level meeting of the Security Council: combating terrorism (4688th meeting, 20 January 2003).

Security Council meetings in Nairobi (5063rd meeting, 26 October 2004).

Briefings by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Defence of Uganda (5415th and 5416th meetings, 19 April 2006).

7. The following items are items which were identified in document S/2007/10 as subject to deletion in the year 2007 and which, in the absence of a request to retain, have been deleted from the list of matters of which the Security Council is seized, in accordance with the procedure set out in document S/2006/507[8] (the item numbers correspond to the list contained in paragraph 10 of document S/2007/10): 33, 57, 63, 73, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 82, 86, 87, 89 and 95.

8. Pursuant to the note by the President of the Security Council dated 19 December 2007 (S/2007/749), the first summary statement of each month shall contain a full, updated list of items of which the Security Council is seized. Accordingly, the next full, updated list of items of which the Security Council is seized will be contained in the first summary statement issued during February 2008. In intervening weeks, in the interest of economy, the Secretary-General, in fulfilment of his responsibility under rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, will issue a weekly addendum to the summary statement listing only those items on which further action was taken by the Council during the previous week or indicating that there was no change during that period.

9. Pursuant to the note by the President of the Security Council dated 19 December 2007 (S/2007/749), the first summary statement issued during the month of April 2008 will confirm those items identified in paragraph 3 above as subject to deletion which have been retained for one year at the request of one or more Member States and will also confirm those items identified in paragraph 3 which, absent such a request, have been deleted from the list.

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[9] A request dated 22 October 2007 by a Member State for the retention of items 2, 3 and 8 in the 2008 summary statement has been received by the Secretariat.